GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Setting up of NAD
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up National Academic Depository (NAD) to create database of all academic records in an electronic format;
(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
(c) whether any steps were taken to check frauds in mark sheets and certificates and to reduce the burden on preserving the academic records; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. The Hon'ble Finance Minister in the Budget Speech 2016-17 has announced that to help students, Higher Education Institutions and employers to access degree certificates of candidates, it is proposed to establish a Digital Depository for School Leaving Certificates, College Degrees, Academic Awards and Mark sheets, on the pattern of a Securities Depository. This will help validate their authenticity, safe storage and easy retrieval.
Maintaining academic awards in electronic format will also facilitate checking fraudulent practices such as forging of certificates and mark sheets.
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